

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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BLOCK 902

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Taylor's Grocery (with Christs' Spiritual Temple described)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

811-813 Sharp Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore-

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT
 XGOOD
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED
 —RUINS
 —UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

XUNALTERED
 —ALTERED

CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE
 —MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

811 Sharp Street, Taylors Grocery, is a two bay wide, three story high building with first floor storefront. 813 Sharp Street is a one story high rectangular structure with its south side exposed to a yard.

The storefront of Taylor's grocery is a three part arrangement of wood and glass framed by a projecting, bracketed wooden cornice. On the left a three panelled door, with upper half of six lights of glass leads to the upper floors. It is surmounted by a rectangular transom. The central bay giving entrance to the store is filled with double doors of large vertically set panes of glass surmounted by a rectangular transom. The entrance is recessed and reached by two long stone steps. At the right is an eight light shop window with four light sides, set above single, solid wood panels on each side. A painted metal sign stretched across the facade, and the frayed end of a rolled canvas awning ~~is~~ supported by the cornice above.

Second floor window openings are double hung with 4/6 lights. They are shielded by simple wooden hoods which slope down over the windows. Third floor windows openings are segmental arched, with wooden sills^{and} are filled with double hung windows with 4/4 lights. The wooden cornice at the roofline is supported by rolled brackets set at either extremity. A string of molding defines a frieze of brick which is painted the color of the cornice. Leafy jigsaw work runs beneath a row of rolled modillions. The rear sloping shed roof has a pair of slim square, brick chimneys poking through at the right wall above front and middle rooms.

813 Sharp Street, Christ's Spiritual Temple, is probably a concrete block structure sheathed in formstone and white glass tile. The rear sloping shed roof is masked on the side by the side wall which descends in steps from front to back.

The front of the structure has a centrally placed entrance flanked by rectangular window openings. Above the wooden door a cross is picked out in glass block. This arrangement of elements is set in the glass tile, with a semi-circle of tile framing the cross at the top, with quarter circles flanking and descending from this, dropping in a straight line to the ground. The rest of the wall surface is sheathed in formstone, except for the glass tiled parapet at front and sides.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Taylor's Grocery is one of the few storefront buildings in Sharp-Leadenhall built as such and remaining in unaltered condition. Christ's Spiritual Temple, to the south at 813 Sharp Street is a good example of vernacular storefront church design, c. 1960. (SEE APPENDIX, ENTRY 5)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bill Pencek, Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

DATE

1976

STREET & NUMBER

100 N. Holliday Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

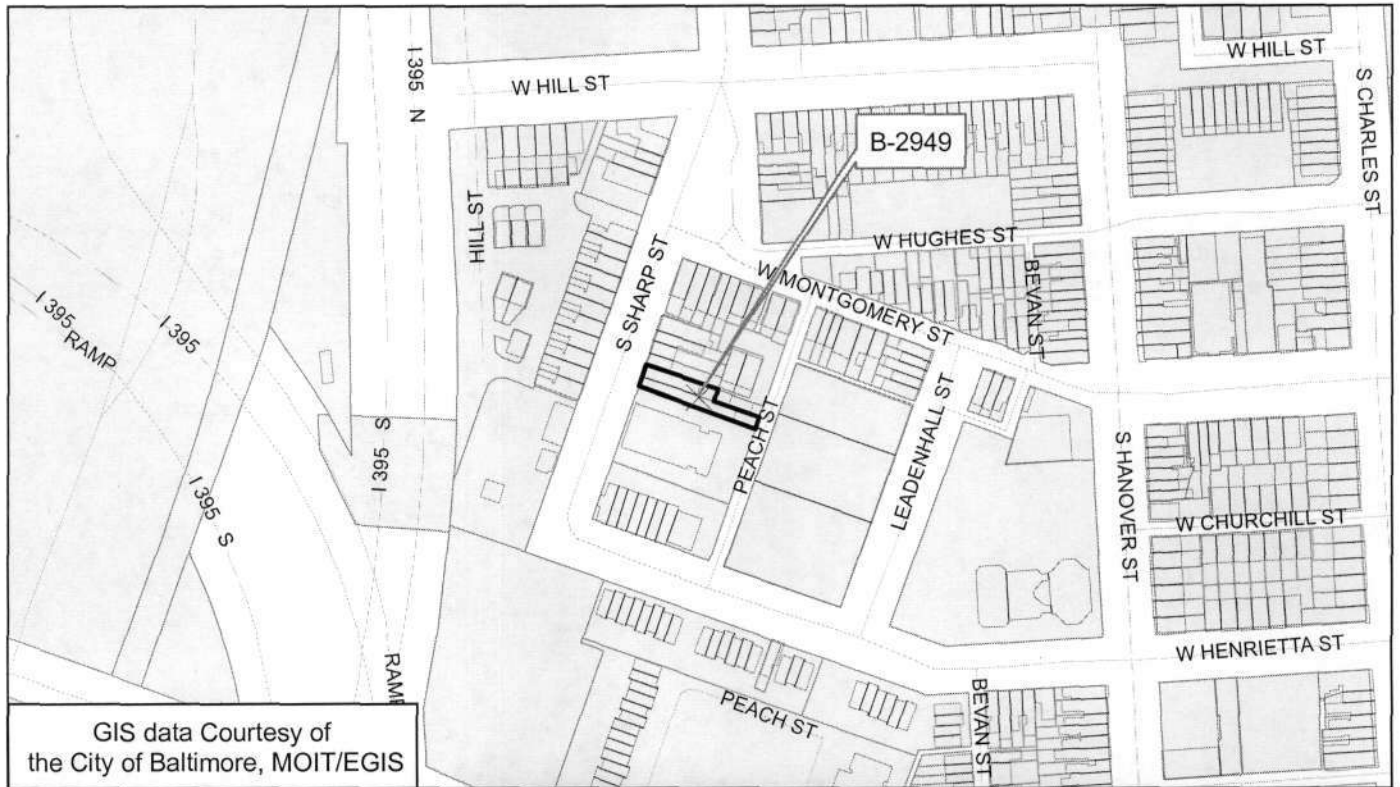
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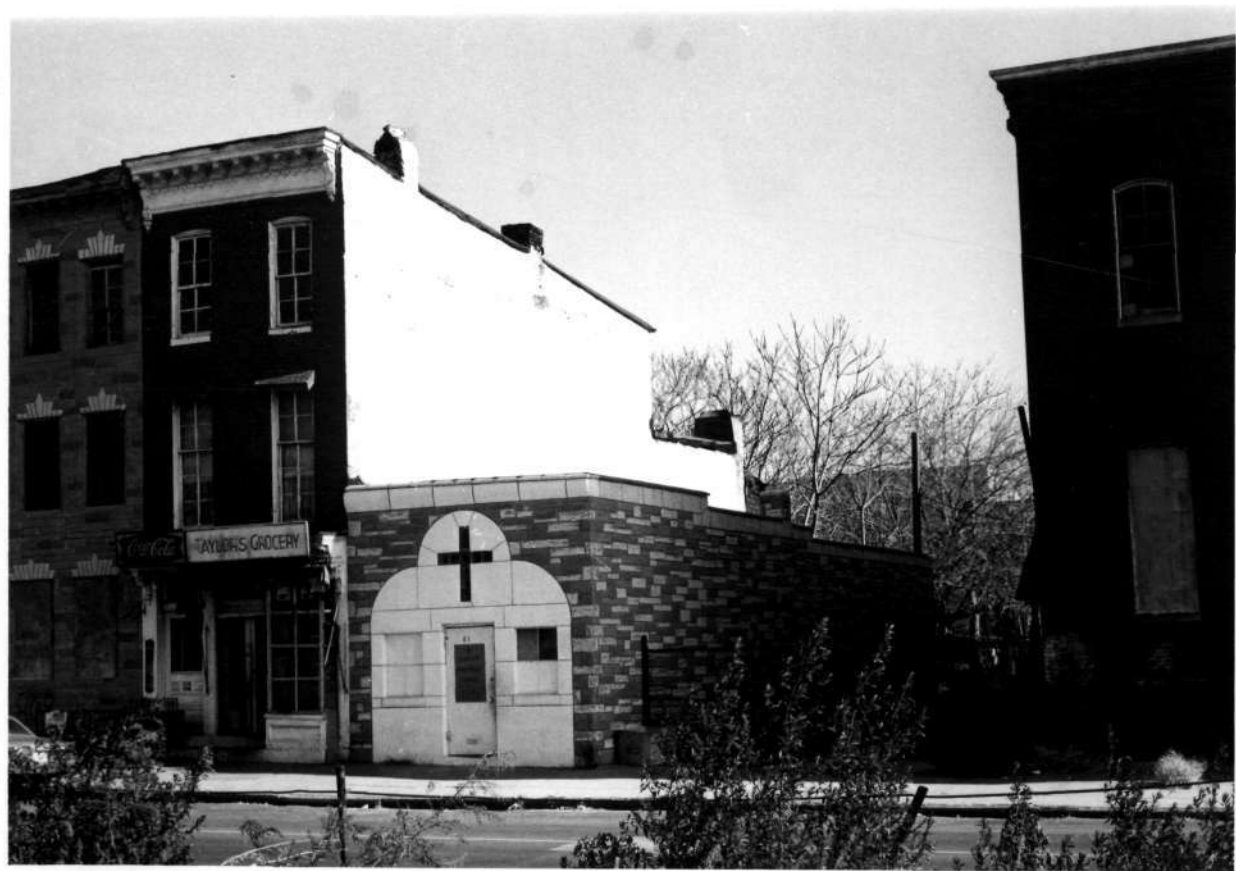
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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BLOCK 902

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